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**Introduced by Senators Cedillo and Alquist**  
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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 116—Relative to foster care.

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SCR 116, as introduced, Cedillo. Foster care.

This measure would proclaim May as Foster Care Month and May 2, 2006, as a special day of recognition to honor the teams that work to “change a lifetime” for children and youth in foster care.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, It is our vision that every child in California will  
2 live in a safe, stable, permanent home, nurtured by healthy  
3 adults, families, and strong communities; and  
4 WHEREAS, Every year in California there are more than  
5 80,000 children and youth in foster care because their families  
6 are in crisis; and  
7 WHEREAS, All children in foster care have a continuing and  
8 urgent need for safety, stability, and permanency, including  
9 lifelong relationships with adults who will care for and support  
10 them throughout their lives; and  
11 WHEREAS, It is California's goal for every child who enters  
12 into foster care to be supported and nurtured by the individuals,  
13 organizations, and systems that touch the life of that child; and  
14 WHEREAS, In California, foster youth, foster parents,  
15 relatives, child welfare professionals, and advocates are working  
16 together in new ways, including, public and private partnership

1 teams that are helping to change the lifetime of foster youth  
2 throughout the state; and

3 WHEREAS, There is still more work to be done on behalf of  
4 thousands of foster youth throughout the state; and

5 WHEREAS, It is our collective responsibility to care for all of  
6 our children in California; and

7 WHEREAS, The declaration by the State Legislature of May  
8 as Foster Care Month provides an opportunity to raise  
9 community awareness about the needs of foster youth, spotlights  
10 the critical importance of foster care programs and services in  
11 our state, and offers appreciation to more than 13,000 families  
12 who open their homes to foster children in our state and the  
13 public and private partners who commit themselves daily in  
14 support of our children; now, therefore, be it

15 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
16 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby proclaims the  
17 month of May as Foster Care Month and May 2, 2006, as a  
18 special day of recognition to honor the teams that work to  
19 “change a lifetime” for children and youth in foster care in  
20 California; and be it further

21 *Resolved*, That the Legislature urges all Californians to  
22 volunteer their talents and energies on behalf of children and  
23 youth in foster care and to support the efforts of foster parents,  
24 private community organizations, and public child welfare  
25 agencies who care for them during this month and throughout the  
26 year; and be it further

27 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of Senate transmit copies of this  
28 resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.